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Horizons ETFs and National Bank Direct Brokerage Announce the Champion of the ‘Biggest Winner 9’ Trading Competition

TORONTO – July 04, 2019 – Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (“**Horizons ETFs**”) and National Bank Direct Brokerage (“**NBDB**”) are pleased to announce that John Wayne Trinh from Saint-Leonard, Quebec is the grand prize winner of the Horizons ETFs Biggest Winner 9 Trading Competition (the “**Competition**”). With the highest six-week cumulative return of 18.88%, Mr. Trinh has been awarded the grand prize of \$7,500.

“I am extremely happy and grateful,” said Mr. Trinh, upon learning of his success.

The Competition, which ran from May 6 to June 14, 2019, had more than 2,600 registrants – the highest number since the Biggest Winner 1 Contest. Contestants were provided with a fantasy brokerage account, beginning with a balance of \$100,000 in notional Canadian dollars. Competitors used these fantasy funds to place simulated trades among approximately 700 ETFs listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

“The S&P 500 and other market indexes were following a downward trend in May,” said Mr. Trinh, when asked about his winning strategy. *“Since the market was bearish, I decided to be bullish on gold and silver (precious metals) and bearish on oil. In order to generate profits in a short amount of time, I invested in the Horizons BetaPro ETF family.”* Mr. Trinh added.

Nigel Roberts, from Kelowna, British Columbia, won \$2,500 for having the second-highest six-week cumulative return of 18.20%. In addition, six weekly prizes of \$500 were awarded to each of those who achieved the best single-week returns.

The top-traded ETFs in the contest are all managed by Horizons ETFs. The three most-traded ETFs are a part of the Horizons’ BetaPro family of tactical ETFs: the **BetaPro Crude Oil 2x Daily Bull ETF** (“**HOU**”) and its corresponding leveraged inverse ETF – the **BetaPro Crude Oil - 2X Daily Bear ETF** (“**HOD**”). HOD seeks daily investment results, before fees and other costs, that endeavor to correspond to two times (200%) the inverse (opposite) of the daily performance of the Solactive Light Sweet Crude Oil Front Month MD Rolling Futures Index ER. HOU seeks daily investment results, before fees and other costs, to two times (200%) the daily performance of the Solactive Light Sweet Crude Oil Front Month MD Rolling Futures Index ER.

The third most-traded ETF was the **BetaPro S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures™ ETF** (“**HUV**”). HUV is designed to provide investment results, before fees, expenses, distributions, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, that endeavour to correspond to the performance of the S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures Index™.

“During this competition, participants could choose to invest in virtually any ETF listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The very high use of our ETFs among contestants highlights the tremendous potential that the Horizons suite of ETFs offers investors in helping them reach their investment objectives,” said Steve Hawkins, President and CEO of Horizons ETFs.

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NBDB has been the exclusive sponsor of the Biggest Winner Competition for the past eight editions.

“National Bank Direct Brokerage would like to congratulate John Wayne Trinh, Nigel Roberts and the other winners in the Biggest Winner trading competition,” said Robert Girard, Senior Business Development Manager at National Bank Direct Brokerage. *“Every year, the contest rewards the best performances. But the biggest win for participants is having fun while learning and building on their abilities as independent investors. We are proud to contribute in this way to financial education and the development of investment skills.”*

In total, there was \$13,000 in cash prizes awarded as part of the Competition. The winners are:

Grand Prize: John Wayne Trinh, Saint-Leonard , QC

Runner-up: Nigel Roberts, Kelowna, BC

Week One: Steven Cohen, Dollard Des Ormeaux, QC

Week Two: Robert Davis, Gananoque, ON

Week Three: Adam Willhoeft, Oakville, ON

Week Four: Italo Silva, Scarborough, ON

Week Five: Shihab El Dessouki, Saint-Constant, QC

Week Six: Keith Cottons, Toronto, ON

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